In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana, Chandigarh

CWP No. 15617 of 2006

Date of Decision: October 24, 2006

Ramesh Chander

…Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and others

…Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.M. KUMAR
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.M.S. BEDI

PRESENT: Mr. Jarnail Singh Saneta, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

JUDGMENT

M.M. KUMAR, J. (Oral)

On the allegation of embezzlement of Rs. 104/-, the petitioner has been awarded punishment of withholding of two annual increments with cumulative effect, vide order dated 29.5.2002 (P-1). The aforementioned order has been upheld by the Appellate Authority, namely, the Transport Commissioner on 7.6.2005 (P-3) and the Financial Commissioner, vide order dated 9.11.2005 (P-5). The punishment was awarded after holding due inquiry in which the petitioner was allowed to participate and principles of natural justice

have been followed. The Enquiry Officer returned the finding that the petitioner was guilty of charges.

Having heard the learned counsel, we are of the view that by no stretch of imagination the punishment of stoppage of two increments could be considered excessive or disproportionate to the charge proved against the petitioner. There is no merit in the petition.

Dismissed.

(M.M. KUMAR)
JUDGE

(M.M.S. BEDI)
JUDGE

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